



CABINET SELECTION GUIDE

KITCHEN + BATHROOM

Cabinet styles, box materials, finishes, construction quality, storage accessories, vanities, prices, and client tips.

SELECT THE COMPLETE CABINET PACKAGE

LAYOUT -> QUALITY -> MATERIAL -> STYLE -> FINISH -> HARDWARE

Finalize appliances, plumbing, electrical, and countertops before ordering.

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1. START WITH QUALITY, FUNCTION, AND LAYOUT

Cabinet appearance matters, but box construction, hardware, storage, and installation determine long-term value

PURCHASE LEVELS

- Stock: standard sizes, fastest and lowest cost.
- Ready-to-assemble: economical; assembly quality varies.
- Semi-custom: more sizes, colors, modifications, and accessories.
- Custom: built for the exact room, premium flexibility and price.

KITCHEN PRIORITIES

- Work zones for sink, range, refrigerator, and prep.
- Drawer storage for pots, dishes, and utensils.
- Pantry capacity and appliance clearances.
- Island size, seating, outlets, and walkways.
- Cabinets to ceiling or finished top treatment.

BATH PRIORITIES

- Single or double sink.
- Freestanding or floating vanity.
- Drawer and plumbing clearance.
- Moisture-resistant finish and ventilation.
- Mirror, lighting, outlets, and backsplash.
- Linen and medicine-cabinet storage.

BEFORE ORDERING

- Field-verify walls, openings, ceiling height, and floor level.
- Approve appliance model numbers and panel requirements.
- Confirm sink, faucet, disposal, and plumbing locations.
- Coordinate electrical, lighting, hood, and microwave.
- Approve countertops, overhangs, supports, and backsplash.

QUALITY DETAILS

- Plywood or engineered cabinet box.
- Full-extension soft-close drawer slides.
- Soft-close adjustable concealed hinges.
- Solid drawer boxes and durable joinery.
- Finished exposed ends, panels, fillers, and toe kicks.
- Manufacturer warranty and replacement-part availability.

DENZEL RECOMMENDATION

For a durable barndominium package, use plywood cabinet boxes, solid-wood or high-quality MDF doors selected for the finish, full-extension soft-close drawers, adjustable hinges, and finished panels at all exposed ends.

2. CABINET DOOR STYLES

The door style establishes the kitchen or bathroom character



SHAKER

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Clean recessed panel that works with modern farmhouse, Craftsman, and transitional interiors.

FLAT SLAB

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Smooth minimal face for modern, industrial, and contemporary spaces.

RAISED PANEL

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Detailed traditional profile with more visual depth and finishing labor.

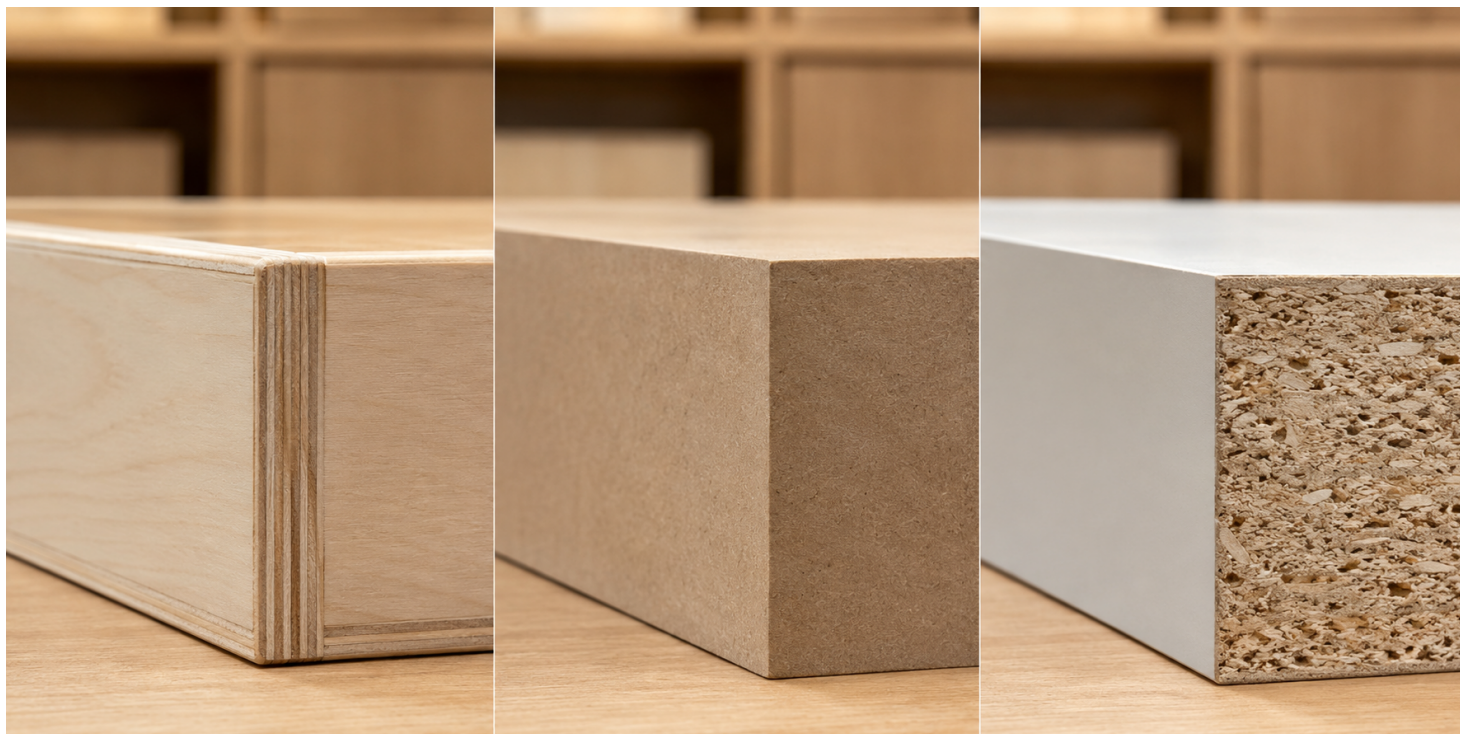
REFERENCE NOTE

Style pricing depends on material and manufacturer. Review actual door samples for rail width, edge profile, joints, sheen, grain, color, and cleaning before approval.



3. CABINET BOX MATERIALS

Compare the hidden structure that supports countertops, drawers, shelves, and hardware



PLYWOOD

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Layered wood veneers provide strong screw holding and good moisture tolerance.

MDF

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Uniform engineered fiber panel; smooth for paint, heavy, and sensitive to water exposure.

PARTICLEBOARD

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Economical engineered particles, often with melamine; protect all edges from moisture.

REFERENCE NOTE

Material grade, thickness, density, edge banding, back panels, joinery, and hardware attachment matter as much as the material name. Confirm written cabinet specifications, not appearance alone.

4. DOOR, FRONT, AND SURFACE MATERIALS

The other three common materials are used for visible doors, fronts, veneers, and easy-clean interior surfaces



SOLID WOOD

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Natural wood used in door frames, rails, stiles, and selected drawer fronts.

WOOD VENEER

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Thin real-wood face over plywood or MDF creates consistent grain with a stable core.

MELAMINE

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Factory-applied easy-clean surface over particleboard or MDF; common inside boxes.

REFERENCE NOTE

Together, pages 4 and 5 show all six common materials: plywood, MDF, particleboard, solid wood, wood veneer, and melamine. Cabinet packages often combine several materials in the same product.



5. FINISH AND COLOR COMPARISON

Paint, clear wood finish, and bold color create very different barndominium kitchens



WARM WHITE PAINT

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Bright, versatile, and easy to coordinate; joints may show seasonal movement.

NATURAL WHITE OAK

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Warm grain and premium appearance; natural color variation is expected.

DEEP GREEN PAINT

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Strong custom character; coordinate carefully with light, hardware, and countertops.

REFERENCE NOTE

Approve a physical sample in the actual room lighting. Wood grain and stain vary naturally. Painted finishes can show wear, chips, and joint movement; sheen affects appearance and cleaning.

6. BATHROOM VANITY STYLES

Choose by room size, storage, cleaning, plumbing, and desired appearance



FREESTANDING SINGLE

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Furniture-style legs and one sink; good for powder rooms and smaller baths.

FLOATING VANITY

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Wall-mounted modern appearance and easier floor cleaning; needs strong backing.

DOUBLE VANITY

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Two sinks, wider counter, and more storage for a primary bathroom.

REFERENCE NOTE

Confirm width, depth, height, sink type, plumbing position, wall backing, drawer clearance, mirror width, lighting, outlets, countertop overhang, and finished-floor conditions.

7. STORAGE AND ORGANIZATION OPTIONS

Interior accessories improve daily function but should be selected before cabinet ordering



DEEP DRAWERS

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Full access for cookware and dishes; often more convenient than base doors.

PULL-OUT PANTRY

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Tall adjustable storage with improved access; requires quality heavy-duty slides.

CORNER ORGANIZER

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Swing-out or rotating hardware uses difficult corner space more effectively.

REFERENCE NOTE

Accessories add cost and reduce some interior volume. Confirm load ratings, clearances, adjustability, replacement hardware, and whether the organizer is factory installed or field installed.



8. SIX MOST COMMON CABINET MATERIALS

Understand where each material is normally used and how it affects quality, moisture resistance, and price

COMMON BOX MATERIALS

- Plywood: strong layered panels with good screw holding; recommended upgrade.
- Particleboard: economical box material commonly used in stock cabinets.
- Melamine: easy-clean decorative surface applied over particleboard or MDF.
- Confirm panel thickness, edge banding, back construction, and sink-base protection.

COMMON DOOR + FRONT MATERIALS

- MDF: smooth and stable for painted doors; protect edges from water.
- Solid wood: natural grain, durable frames, and premium stain-grade appearance.
- Wood veneer: thin real-wood surface over plywood or MDF for consistent grain.
- Some systems combine these materials in one cabinet package.

DRAWER CONSTRUCTION

- Solid wood or quality plywood drawer boxes.
- Dovetail or durable engineered joinery.
- Full-extension slides for complete access.
- Soft-close operation.
- Adequate load rating for cookware and pantry storage.
- Consistent alignment and adjustable fronts.

INSTALLATION QUALITY

- Level base cabinets and scribe to walls.
- Fasten cabinets to framing and to each other.
- Shim without twisting cabinet boxes.
- Align doors, drawers, fillers, and reveals.
- Support islands, tall cabinets, and floating vanities.
- Protect finished surfaces during construction.

MATERIAL TIP

Use moisture-resistant planning around every sink, dishwasher, bathroom vanity, and floor-cleaning area. No wood-based cabinet material is waterproof; leaks must be detected and repaired quickly.



9. KITCHEN + BATHROOM DESIGN DETAILS

Coordinate cabinetry with appliances, plumbing, countertops, lighting, trim, and room circulation

KITCHEN DESIGN

- Use drawer bases near the range and prep zone.
- Plan trash/recycling pull-out near sink or prep area.
- Confirm refrigerator-door swing and fillers.
- Provide landing space beside appliances.
- Size island walkways and seating overhangs.
- Plan hood, microwave, coffee bar, and pantry.

BATHROOM DESIGN

- Keep drawers clear of traps and supply lines.
- Choose one or two sinks based on users and counter space.
- Use closed storage for cleaning products and personal items.
- Coordinate mirror and sconce placement with vanity width.
- Add linen storage where practical.
- Provide wall backing for floating vanities.

STYLE PACKAGES

- Modern farmhouse: Shaker, white or wood, simple black/brass pulls.
- Modern: flat slab, minimal hardware, integrated panels.
- Craftsman: Shaker or inset look with warm wood accents.
- Traditional: raised panel, decorative crown, furniture details.
- Industrial: dark slab or Shaker with metal and natural wood.

DETAILS OFTEN MISSED

- Finished end panels and appliance panels.
- Fillers, scribes, light rail, crown, toe kick, and valances.
- Countertop support and island anchoring.
- Under-cabinet lighting channels and wiring.
- Decorative panels on island backs.
- Touch-up kit, spare hardware, and warranty documents.

LAYOUT TIP

Approve floor plans and elevations, not only cabinet colors. Elevations show cabinet heights, appliance relationships, fillers, crown, open shelves, vanity mirrors, and other details that determine the finished appearance.



10. RELATIVE PRICE AND BUDGET CONTROL

Use relative levels for early planning; final cost requires an approved layout, specification, and finish schedule

STOCK PARTICLEBOARD CABINETS

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RTA PLYWOOD CABINETS

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PAINTED SHAKER PACKAGE

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SEMI-CUSTOM PLYWOOD BOXES

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NATURAL WOOD / VENEER

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CUSTOM CABINETRY

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SOFT-CLOSE UPGRADE

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DRAWER-BASE UPGRADE

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PULL-OUT PANTRY

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CORNER ORGANIZER

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FLOATING VANITY

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FURNITURE-STYLE DOUBLE VANITY

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PRICE NOTE

\$ = lowest relative cost and \$\$\$\$ = highest relative cost. Cost depends on cabinet count, layout, box material, door material, style, finish, tall units, panels, fillers, crown, accessories, hardware, freight, lead time, field modifications, and installation.



11. CLIENT CABINET-SELECTION CHECKLIST

Approve the entire cabinet package before production and installation

LAYOUT + APPLIANCES

- ☐ Final floor plan/elevations
- ☐ Appliance model numbers
- ☐ Sink and faucet
- ☐ Plumbing/electrical
- ☐ Island dimensions
- ☐ Walkways and clearances

CONSTRUCTION

- ☐ Stock/semi-custom/custom
- ☐ Box material/thickness
- ☐ Door/drawer material
- ☐ Back and shelf construction
- ☐ Slides and hinges
- ☐ Warranty/specification

STYLE + FINISH

- ☐ Door style
- ☐ Paint/stain/color
- ☐ Sheen and wood species
- ☐ Hardware style/finish
- ☐ Crown/fillers/end panels
- ☐ Approved physical sample

BATH + ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Vanity type and size
- ☐ Single/double sink
- ☐ Floating-wall backing
- ☐ Drawer/pantry storage
- ☐ Corner/trash organizers
- ☐ Allowance/change orders

NEXT STEP

Review the approved cabinet layout, elevations, material specification, door samples, hardware, storage accessories, countertop coordination, allowances, lead times, and purchasing responsibilities with Denzel Construction before ordering.

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